

## **PLAYGROUND CORVETTE CLUB MINUTES**

4 February 2026

**The meeting was called to order by Eddie Carafa at 1900, at Rick's Crab Trap, 178 Eglin Pkwy NE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548.**

Welcome All! And welcome to our new member, Joe Foy, owns GT Mustangs and a 2025 Red CS and is a supporter of the Cancer Freeze Car Show.

1. Treasurer's Report presented by Peggy.
2. Ambassador Report: (see full report on website/email)
  - a. Eddie spoke about Dave Lithway from Hammock Bay Classic Cars. Eddie is going to invite Dave to attend one of our meetings.
  - b. Our savings balance saw no change through January 2026. However, there are several outstanding checks with Wreaths Across America.
  - c. Fran Hendricks won the Trivia Question prize for the evening.
  - d. Steve Noble shared information concerning the delivery of Corvettes at the Natural Corvette Museum delivery experience. The RAT program includes mini corvettes (you-drive-it) for children; an opportunity to rebuild your engine; family entertainment; treasure hunt; each child receives a \$50 gift certificate; General Motors sends a group to this program.
  - e. He reminded the members about the upcoming MICHELIN BASH NCM to be held April 23-25, 2026
  - f. He also reported on the Points Program. We received 496 points last year. This year we earned 1,108 points worth \$480, exceeding the 200-point-limit. That is excellent for a club our size. Furthermore, it means level 3 for us.
  - g. Steve also related information about a program the NCM hosts for underprivileged children to spend time at NCM, learning about different STEM programs concerning Corvettes' technology, car production, etc. Cost per child to attend is \$500.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Eddie announced the new members of the Board:
  - a. **Vice President: Jeff Fraley**
  - b. **Secretary: Ruth Maciejewski**
2. Karen Payne, our past secretary, was presented (while absent due to illness) a cake and a "Best Secretary" plaque for her above-and-beyond work and dedication to the Playground Corvette Club.
3. Eddie reminded the group about the upcoming 2026 Car Shows. We cannot overemphasize the importance of the cancer cause.
4. Eddie announced that we contributed \$1,000 to the National Corvette Museum last year. Currently, we have 12 tickets to the Museum, free of charge.
5. Eddie emphasized that our oval Dash Plaque is recognized by numerous other organizations.

6. We hope to acquire silicone wrist bands for our October 2026 event. Eddie will obtain specific prices for purchasing these bracelets and report back to the club in the near future. Most likely, they will cost \$2.50 each (60 of them)
7. The Club retained the same banner as last year, only changing the year to '58. It will be hanging at the Michelin Bash.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. The Induction Dinner at the Marina Café proved to be a great time for everyone.
2. 2025 donations helped a lot for the “Stuff the Bus” endeavor – pens, books and crayons, etc., were– provided to 8 Org. this year. Club contributions to this organization were provided from our dues.
3. Lapel pins cost \$250. We are now down to 5 pins. New pins will be ordered MARCH 2026
4. To see photos from recent club events, cruise on over to our website:
5. <https://www.playgroundcorvetteclub.com>
6. If your car photo is not on the PCC website/or if you want to submit an updated photo, please forward a JPEG of your car to Bob Bates.  
[rbates1951@gmail.com](mailto:rbates1951@gmail.com)
7. Club shirts are available at Impact Custom Clothing (850-244-4606; 206 Stokes Ave NW, Unit 1B, FWB). Impact Custom Clothing has The Playground Corvette Club logo. Impact Custom Clothing turns around orders in approx. 1-2 weeks.
8. Jackie has Corvette logos that she will customize and embroider, you provide the garment. \$20/logo.
9. Eddie announced that our new T-shirt for men and woman can be review on our website. It was designed by Mark Gunn. Mark worked with a local business to create PCC t-shirts. Men's shirt (blue) \$28; Women's shirt (pink) \$30. Contact Mark to place your order.
10. Anyone interested in a “Tire Banner” to display at car shows, please reach out to Mark. The banner is \$40 and PVC stand is \$15. We need 5 orders to secure this price. \_Referencing our Banners, contact Mark to get one for your Corvette
11. The Club needs to continue to think about parades in the near future, but keep in mind that there are conflicts with the Destin parades and the Wreaths Across America.

### **CLUB EVENTS: (be sure to check the website for all event specifics.)**

**March 4, 2026: Club meeting at Ricks Crab Trap, 178 Eglin Parkway.**  
Social hour 180; meeting 1900. It will be held in a larger room with a 30-person capacity.

1. **Don't forget upcoming show this Saturday, February 8 – Registration 0800 – Meet at Tractor Supply.**
2. **The February 18, 2026, Crestview Show.**
3. **The cruise to Luncheon at Uncle Ernie's is scheduled for Saturday, April 12 or the 18, 2026 in Panama City.**
4. **Michelin Bash scheduled for April 23-25, 2026.**
5. **The Vets at the Shore in Biloxi MS event will be held on October 24, 2026,**  
Eddie pointed out that this is a cool air-conditioned Colosseum show (only for Corvettes and only 140 spots inside the Coliseum). Book early!

### **50:50 Drawing**

**The 50:50 – \$30.** Don Schak (Doc) had the winning raffle ticket

### **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Eddie Carafa 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy Gunn The meeting was adjourned at 1950.

*Presided by Eddie Carafa.*

*Submitted by Ruth Maciejewski*